

COUNTRY East Germany Approved For Release 2003/12/10 : CIA-RDP80-00810A001400210007-6TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains and VP TrainsEVALUATION see belowPLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OF CONTENT 8 to 22 April 1953DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 4 May 1953

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REFERENCES [REDACTED]PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. Troop trains identified [REDACTED] between 17 and 22 April 1953 included:

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<u>Date in April</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
17	106 axles	Potsdam	Altengrabow
	94 axles	Wildpark	Altengrabow
	96 axles	Wildpark	Altengrabow
19	1 boxcar and 9 flatcars	Frankfurt/Oder	Oranienburg
22	30 boxcars and 25 flatcars	Brandenburg	Neuruppin

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[REDACTED]

2. Troop trains to Altengrabow identified [REDACTED] on 17 April included: a train of 19 boxcars and 34 flatcars, [REDACTED] from Potsdam; a train of 19 boxcars and 26 flatcars, [REDACTED] and another train of 17 boxcars and 28 flatcars, [REDACTED] from Wildpark.¹

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3. The following troop trains were [REDACTED] on 19 and 20 April:

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<u>Date in April</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
19	18 converted boxcars, Satz Korn		Colbitz

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39 boxcars and
90 flatcars

13 converted boxcars, Pathenow Altengrabow
14 boxcars and
66 flatcars

20 48 boxcars and Satzkorn Wolmirstedt
 42 flatcars

62 boxcars and Pathenow Altengrabow
83 flatcars

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4. [redacted] troops were entrained in the Halle railroad district and shipped to the Eisenach area on 17 and 18 April. [redacted] stated that about 60 tanks and 80 trucks, [redacted] were loaded at Halle on 17 April.

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5. Between 19 and 21 April, the following troop trains passed [redacted] toward Lieberose:

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Date in AprilComposition of Troop Trains

19

15 boxcars and
25 flatcars with
6 x 57-mm AT guns and trucks

5 boxcars and
31 flatcars with
57-mm AT guns and trucks

three troop trains of
undetermined composition

20

12 boxcars and
26 flatcars with trucks

7 boxcars and
11 flatcars with trucks

6 boxcars and
14 flatcars with
T-34 tanks

21

10 boxcars and
34 flatcars with
trucks, [redacted]

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7 boxcars and
12 flatcars with
tanks, [redacted]

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7 flatcars with
trucks, [redacted]

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6. Railroad shipments observed by [REDACTED] 3 and 22 April included: a troop train with about 200 soldiers and eight T-34 tanks from Forra to Ueckermuende on 8 April; 7 two VP trains with about 1,000 VP infantry from Neubrandenburg to Ueckermuende on 12 April; 8 a troop train with a troop unit, 3 tanks, 8 armored scout cars and 8 trucks, [REDACTED] loaded at Prenzlau, on 22 April; 9 and a troop train with a troop unit, 8 x 45-mm AT guns, and 40 trucks from Bernau to Eberswalde also on 22 April. [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. On 16 and 17 April 1953, about eight troop trains of the 34th Arty Div to Altengrabow were previously reported by [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The troop train carried artillery units of the 12th Gds Tank Div which returned to their home station via Brandenburg. On 13 April 1953, the same units moved to Altengrabow on a troop train with [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. Between 15 and 20 April 1953, 20 troop trains of the 10th Gds Tank Div from Satzborn to Letzling Heath were reported [REDACTED]

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. The troop trains from Rathenow to Altengrabow carried elements of the 65th Mort Brig (US). The troop train with shipment- / record [REDACTED] was previously confirmed [REDACTED]

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5. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] about 11 troop trains of the 21st Gds Mecz Div went from Halle to Lossa between 13 and 18 April 1953. [REDACTED]

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6. [REDACTED] Comment. Between 15 and 21 April 1953, about 20 troop trains of the 7th Gds Mecz Div went from Frankfurt/Oder and Fuerstenwalde to Lieberose via Muellrose. [REDACTED]

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7. [REDACTED] Comment. Probably a contingent of the VP Division Forra which moved to the training area north of Pasewalk for firing practice with live ammunition.

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8. [REDACTED] Comment. Probably VP units of Armeegruppe Nord which returned from their winter quarters to the area north of Pasewalk.

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9. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] a troop train of the 25th Tank Div which probably went to Templin.

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10. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] the unidentified AT artillery brigade of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army which, [REDACTED] left for Templin between 21 and 23 April 1953. [REDACTED]

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